Commonwealth Games-2010

413. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country is to host 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details of the preparation made by the Central Government, respective State Governments and Indian Olympic Association;

(c) the budgetary proposals by his Ministry and the support assured by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance; and

(d) the number of teams and players who would participate from Commonwealth Countries, particularly from India?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are at Statement (*See* below).

(d) About 8000 sportspersons are likely to participate in these Games. As regard participation from India, according to indications given by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), the strength of the Indian contingent could be around 450, but the specific numbers will be determined at a later stage, closer to the Games.

Statement

Preparations made regarding Commonwealth Games, 2010

A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These include a Core Group of Minister (GOM) under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an Apex Committee headed by Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports; the Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GOM, and taking decisions on

other related matters. In addition to these arrangements at the Central level, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minister of Delhi to take decisions in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Lt. Governor Delhi has been entrusted with the overall responsibility with specific reference to security, law and orders and matter coming under DDA.

2. The locations for the various competitions venues and the major non-competition venue *viz.* International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC), have been agreed to between all the stakeholders. All the stakeholders have indicated their specific time lines with reference to key milestones, *viz.*, finalization of detailed design and estimates, commencement of tendering process, award of work, commencement of work, completion of work and handing over to OC. It is expected that work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects will commence between June-August, 2007 and the venue will be handed over to the OC by the end of 2009. An Empowered Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects. Another Committee has been set up, with the MoYAS as convenor to deal with clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC). Keeping in view the need for developing adequate tourist accommodation in the context of the Commonwealth Games, an inter-ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned.

3. For preparation and to improve the performance of the Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions are being held with all the stakeholders.

4. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended financial proposals of the Organising Committee for Conduct of the Games, in for form of a revenue neutral budget of Rs. 767.00 crores; that of the Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs. 1000.00 crores for creation of venue infrastructure; of the DDA for amount of Rs. 325.00 crores for venue infrastructure and the Games Village; and of All India Tennis Association for an amount of Rs. 30.00 crores for upgradation/renovation of the Venue of Tennis.

5. The Planning Commission has approved a proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores for up-gradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games and a proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune.

Commonwealth Games in India

414. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the probable dates of Commonwealth Games in India;

(b) the dates of the last Commonwealth Games held and in which country;

(c) the expected approximate expenditure to be incurred by Government;

(d) the number of Medals which were won by Indian players in the last Commonwealth Games; and

(e) the efforts which are being made by his Ministry to improve performance of our country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The XIX Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in Delhi from 3rd to 14th October, 2010.

(b) The last Commonwealth Games were held from 15th to 26th March, 2006 at Melbourne, Australia.

(c) The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has provisionally approved/recommended the proposals of the Organizing Committee for the Conduct of the Games, for an amount of Rs. 767 crores in the form of a revenue neutral budget; and, proposals of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the All India Tennis Association (AITA) for creation of the required sports venue infrastructure for an amount of Rs. 1355 crores. The Planning Commission has, in principle, approved a proposal of the Government of NCT of Delhi for upgradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games, including sports venues for two events, for an amount of Rs. 770